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Kernan Announces Energy Efficiency Loan for Crown Point's Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative

INDIANAPOLIS — Lt. Governor Joe Kernan announced today that the Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative in Crown Point has received a \$99,943 zero-interest loan from the Indiana Department of Commerce's Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program (PFEET).

The Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative plans to carry out a lighting and energy management system upgrade at the school. The proposed upgrade could reduce the cooperative's overall energy consumption by 17 percent.

"We encourage the use of energy-efficient systems in public facilities; the reduction of energy use and the lower cost of providing services to Hoosiers is critical to our future," said Kernan, who serves as director of the Department of Commerce. "This project is a win-win for the state and for the citizens of Crown Point."

The Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program (PFEET) provides zero-interest loans to Indiana schools, libraries and political subdivisions proposing to purchase new, more efficient equipment. Up to \$100,000 is available per applicant for implementing energy-efficient improvements in existing facilities and designing energy efficiency measures into new facilities. Loans are awarded on a quarterly basis.

The loan, approved by the Indiana Recycling and Energy Development Board, will be administered by the Indiana Department of Commerce's office of Energy and Recycling. For more information on the Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program, please contact Gavin Williams at 317.232.8979 or your local Commerce regional office.

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